

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

November 17, 2006

Message From County Executive Walker

The County Board has chosen to override my veto of their entire budget. Milwaukee County taxpayers will now be asked to pay nearly \$9 million in property tax increases. Additionally, Milwaukee County residents can expect reduced services when employees are laid off early next year.

This budget belongs to the County Board. It is not balanced right from the start, creates structural problems in the future and raises taxes by nearly \$9 million; and it's their budget now. Despite my disagreement with the board, the professionals in my administration will work to implement the County Board budget for 2007.

Scott

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Walker Vetoes Entire County Board Budget



Walker holds up the vetoed County Board budget Tuesday at KEI. Behind Walker are (L to R) County Supervisor Paul Cesarz, Chris and Joe Kujawa, and County Supervisor Joe Rice.

At an event held at Kujawa Enterprises, Incorporated (KEI), and attended by over 100 supporters tired of ever-increasing property taxes, County Executive Walker made the bold move of vetoing the entire County Board budget Tuesday. County Supervisors Paul Cesarz and Joe Rice, two of the five Supervisors who voted against the County Board budget, also joined Walker.

County Board Votes To Override Walker's Veto

On Wednesday, The County Board voted 14 to 5 to override Walker's veto. Milwaukee County taxpayers will now be asked to pay nearly \$9 million in property tax increases.

Walker Welcomes Bahrain Ambassador



On Tuesday, County Executive Walker welcomed Ambassador Dr. Naser Al Belooshi from the nation of Bahrain to Milwaukee County. Walker hosted the Ambassador at the County Executive offices.

Wilson Park Recreation Center Open House

The public is invited to attend an Open House at the Wilson Park Recreation Center, 4001 S. 20th St., on Sunday, November 19 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Ice-skating at the center will be offered free on Sunday and visitors will have an opportunity to meet people from different organizations that call the Wilson Recreation Center home.

Free open skating will take place from 1 to 2pm, then 2:30 to 3:30pm with the last session at 4 to 5pm. A hockey exhibition will occur from 2:15pm to 2:30pm and a figure skating exhibition will be presented at 3:45 to 4pm. For more information, go to www.countyparks.com

Balloon-A-Palooza Comes To Domes

Over 150,000 balloons will make up the largest family orientated balloon art exhibition in the U.S. at the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Boulevard, on November 18 through November 26. The theme will be "It's a Fun World" and will consist of balloon sculptures depicting a circus, water park, an art museum and popular cartoon characters all made from balloons.

Fourteen artists from all over the world, including Sweden, Mexico and Canada will be assisting Carmen Ballering, a Milwaukee native and project designer, in the building of this wide range of balloon masterpieces.

In addition to "It's a Fun World" in the Domes, visitors who receive a golden ticket at the counter may drive or walk behind the Domes to the Mitchell Park Pavilion and experience the "Secret Garden", a maze full of flowers, trees and secrets all made with balloons.

The Domes are open every day from 9am to 5pm. General admission rates apply. Children 5 and under enter free. Visit www.countyparks.com for more information.



Walker is interviewed by Fox 6 reporter Gus Gnorski about the exhibit